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SIX DAY BIKISTS
LITTLE AFFECTED

All Except Two Gained
Flesh and Are Ready for
Another Grind.

JUDGES THE WORST EVER

Couldn't Tell How Men Finished in
Final Sprint—Rivals Agree Downey
Was Fourth.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Nearly all the men who rode in the six-day race which ended Saturday night in Madison Square Garden appeared yesterday in the Hotel Bartholdi and engaged in riding all over again the 14-hour grind over the tables in the cafe. From their appearance, save for a scratched face here and there, the men had not undergone the brutal struggle the long race is popularly supposed to be.

With two exceptions the riders gained weight during the week. Clark and Fry both were very nervous throughout the race and were unable to sleep except for a few hours the last two days. Clark, in telling of the strain he had undergone, said:

"You may imagine how it affected me when I say that at the pistol shot beginning the last mile sprint I positively didn't know whether I was riding or not. The last sprint is a perfect blank to me. I simply put my head down and pumped away as hard as I could. But I had no idea whom I was following or where I stood in the field."

The other men, however, were in generally good condition and all looked forward to another week of racing with pleasure. Neither P. W. Powers, or Harry Polk, managers of the race, appeared yesterday to announce definitely whether the track in the Garden is to be used this week or not.

Downey Really Fourth.

The chief topic of conversation among the riders, aside from the unfair decisions throughout the week, was the finish of the last ten laps. Opinion was unanimous that "Mat" Downey, and not MacDonald, landed in fourth position, and not in seventh, as the judges ruled. In explaining his version of the finish, Hardy Downing, who won second place, said:

"I know Downey finished fourth. When we swung into the homestretch I jumped up beside Fogler through the opening Rutt and when he swung wide on the bank, Downey, who had been tucked on behind my wheel for two laps, jumped with me. When he saw he couldn't get through between me and Rutt he started round the latter and flashed over the line close to the boxes and less than a foot behind Rutt's rear wheel."

These Judges the Limit.

Metting, who finished fifth, said:

"I know Downey wasn't seventh, because he finished in front of me and I was fifth. My opinion is that he was so close to the judges as he went by and was coming so fast they didn't see him."

Two of the five judges picked Downey fourth, one placed him past the finish, and two declared he was seventh. Downey himself was much discomfited by the decision and declared he never would ride in another six-day race. Fogler and Root, winners of the race, did not appear at the Bartholdi. Their reception of the treatment accorded them, and the other riders seemed to hear the anguish of feeling toward the team as the public.

Walthour Properly Disgusted.

"Bobby" Walthour spent the day with his mother and family at her home, in Hasbrouck Heights, N. J. His trainers, Cadwell and Chapman, were both at the Bartholdi, but refused to express an opinion of the treatment accorded their charge during the week. It is believed among the riders that Walthour will never ride again in a six-day race. A statement is expected from him today after the riders are paid by the management. It developed yesterday that young Coffey, whose riding during the race was a surprise to all who knew that the boy had turned "pro" in the long grind, has never tasted a drop of liquor or smoked in his life. His total abstinence from every form of dissipation became known when he refused to take part in any of the merrymaking of the other riders.

None of the men are settled in their plans for the future and will not be until the management announces whether there is to be another week of racing in the Garden or not.

THE OAKLEY RACETRACK
A THING OF THE PAST

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Oakley racetrack is a thing of the past. Papers of incorporation for the Oakley Park Company, with a capitalization of \$200,000, have been filed with the secretary of state at Columbus.

Plans for the subdividing of the course and cutting it up into about 70 building lots are complete. The efforts of Glen Brown and a number of citizens to save Oakley track for Cincinnati failed. Mr. Brown secured an option on the track from the owners and proposed to form a holding company, which was to have kept the grounds in their present shape and maintain open-air sports. Subscriptions were received, but these only amounted to a total of \$800, whereas \$125,000 was required. Some parties took the matter into the courts, making various allegations, but these proceedings were dropped. They placed a damper on Mr. Brown's efforts, which lasted for about six days. The Grand Circuit trotting meetings were held on the track after the anti-betting law SPORTS. ... KVINCU NI, ... drove the runners out of Ohio.

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SPORTING COMMENT

BASEBALL

Bill Clarke, Toledo's first-pitcher, says that Townsend, bought by Columbus from Cleveland, would be a great pitcher if he could work as well in the afternoon as he can in the morning. He always has perfect control before lunch and after eating is as wild as a March hare, according to Clarke, who played with him several years ago.

Catcher Bergen, of Brooklyn, is the only napping off bases while one man was waiting at the bat. It was at Fort Wayne several seasons ago, and the bases were filled. The man on second caught him by a quick throw. Then the man on first started to steal, and Bergen nabbed him. As the ball came back Bergen whipped it to third and caught the man there.

President Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, believes Patsy Donovan and his boys have an excellent chance to capture the coveted pennant next year.

Frank Chance and Jim Jeffries are two big men in California. Chance turned the preliminary to the O'Brien-Burns fight at Los Angeles.

Detroit officials say that Red Donahue's threatened retirement is only the preliminary to a "touch" of the brick-topped pitcher will be back on the job next season.

Nick Altrock is making a great name for himself in the Over-the-Rhine district of Cincinnati as a pool player.

St. Louis critics feel that Pickering is the missing link between the Browns and the American League pennant.

Sam Mertes says that the story going the rounds to the effect that he tried to get the management of the St. Louis Cardinals away from McCloskey is not based on truth.

President Murphy, of Chicago, says that if he had his way he'd have only married men on his ball team. He says matrimony makes players steady, economical and ambitious. Joe Tinker agrees with President Murphy, but thinks players' wives should remain away from the ball games in which their husbands participate.

Manager Frank Chance, of the Chicago Cubs, has charge of a "book" at the Ascot track at Los Angeles. However, it's not his own money that he's betting.

Third Baseman Billy Phyle is endeavoring to collect \$125 from the Kansas City club, which he claims was due him when he was transferred to the St. Louis club.

Johnny King, the Chicago catcher, has opened a new billiard hall in Kansas City. A match between Jake Schaefer and George Sutton was the opening attraction.

According to Mr. Dover, Abbotchick is cleaning up at least \$5,000 a year with his hotel in Lathrop. "Batty" can't be blamed for not wanting to play ball any more.

Outfielder Emil Frisk has been recruited by the St. Paul club of the St. Louis Browns. McAleer intends to use the big Norwegian as an emergency pitcher, role in which Frisk is very successful.

Hugh Duffy says that Hugh Jennings will have his sympathy if it is true that the latter will be called upon to build up a team of youngsters next spring. Duffy has no faith at all in young blood.

Hugh Jennings is a great admirer of Outfielder Joe Birmingham, the Cleveland recruit. Birmingham was a Mersburg Academy player, and afterward went to Cornell, but did not graduate. He was a great drop kicker.

"Chick" Fath will begin his eleventh season of baseball in Boston in 1937. He will be thirty-four the 10th of next January. He has never played with any National League club but the Boston Nationals and the Boston Americans.

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LENIENT HANDICAPPING
AT FAIR GROUNDS TRACK

The Burlew & O'Neill Combination Greatly Benefited.
Merits of Derby Candidates—City Park Racing
Due to Brown's Nerve.

By WILLIAM MOFFAT.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—That the lion's share of the prize money given at the late meeting of the Crescent City Jockey Club should go to the racing team of Burlew & O'Neill was only natural.

They had the best horses in the best condition to race and had no particular luck on their side, unless the leniency of Handicapper Nathanson can be termed such.

In adding to their previous successes the so-called Preliminary Derby, run last Saturday, the partners emphasized the fact that they have a remarkable strong stable for a winter meeting. Nothing but the fact that they had almost an unbroken line of successes to their credit in the handicaps caused their entry in the Preliminary Derby to start the effort was mislaid with the betting with a performer like A. C. McCafferty's fast filly Glamor.

Judge Post Too Erratic.

Of the three colors which carried the Burlew & O'Neill colors the stable tip given out by the adjustment of jockeys was Judge Post, as Hennessey, who does the stable riding, had the mount on that colt. Judge Post, however, is too erratic at the barrier to be safely trusted in a six furlong sprint. In the Preliminary he was led to the post and held there. In swinging him for the start the effort was mislaid with the result that the colt had no possible chance from the word go.

Among horsemen, Royal Breeze, the Royal Flush colt which, during the past summer carried the colors of Phil Dwyer, president of the Brooklyn Jockey Club, was fabled to do the trick for Burlew & O'Neill, the impression being that Fantastic, the actual winner, had a little too much weight, and would stop at the end of the six furlongs.

It was a close call, but under a masterly ride from the Western Jockey Club, Fantastic, the Hittchcock colt-off, lasted long enough to win. It would have been a better bet, however, on his own stick if Burlew had been defeated by De Oro, a colt which he brought down on the list to the firm of last year and disposed of privately.

De Oro Is Dead Game.

De Oro put up a good game fight, and there are very justifiable grounds for the protest entered by his rider, Mountain, against Nicol, on Fantastic, for crowding him on the rail. This is an old-time trick of Nicol's, and one of which he was very frequently guilty at City Park last winter. On two occasions the jockey was suspended for this very offense by President Steward Francis Trevelyan.

Although all the supposedly best two-year-olds which gathered here to race were in the Preliminary Derby, the event does not in any way foreshadow the result of the contest for the Crescent City Derby, which will not be run until March 23 next, and which will be the richest pool of the meeting with the sum of \$100,000 at stake. De Oro seemed to be staying on better than any of the front division in last Saturday's race, but there is little choice between the first four or five.

Allovausse, a colt trained and owned by C. E. Rowe, the man who developed that high-class colt Sewell, had no chance after the start. He is built more for the mile and a half than for the mile and an eighth that he adapted to go a mile and an eighth than any of those which finished in front of him last Saturday.

Some Promising Youngsters.

Gild, in Burlew's stable, is a clever colt and a much improved one, and has very practically demonstrated that he is partial to a distance of ground. The result of Saturday's race is satisfactory in so far that it does not detract from the interest in the big event which will be run near the close of the present season.

Other two-year-olds which may play an important part in the Derby are Ace High and Lens. The first named, the property of T. D. Sullivan, has been on the ailing list and is now rapidly recovering, while Lens has had to ease in his work owing to breaking away a portion of his forefoot on a hard track at Churchill Downs.

Lens, as a two-year-old, was easily the best of those which raced at City Park last spring, and he is a bigger and stronger animal than that filly and looks much more like going the Derby distance, a mile and an eighth. At the present time Lens looks remarkably well, and the probabilities are that he will be seen to advantage early in the year.

Sickness, of which a more than usual amount is prevalent among the stables, is responsible for the removal of two good two-year-olds in Fish Hawk and Landsman.

The City Park Jockey Club has for the first time a chance to pay the 5 per cent dividend, which it has agreed to pay the stockholders of the New Orleans Jockey Club, other than, out of the pockets of its shareholders. The contest of the operating club is much the same as that of the parent body, shareholders in it being confined to those possessing an interest in the New Orleans Jockey Club.

Its formation was forced on the New Orleans Jockey Club when H. D. Brown threatened to apply for a receivership last year. Brown's action was ostensibly on the ground that as it was being run the New Orleans Jockey Club was a losing venture, but in reality he desired to realize on the shares which he held in the club and for which he had been offered only good prices by Lord Cella, conditional on his arranging an alternation of racing dates between his club and the Crescent City Jockey Club, such as at present exists. It also called for the retirement of Ed Corrigan and a lot of other impossible contingencies.

Brown's shares were purchased and he is now racing horses at the Fair Grounds track. If he desires to race at City Park he will have to apply for registration as an owner under the rules of the American Turf Association and risk a turn down from the men who deeply resent his action. He is hardly likely to risk having to swallow the bitter pill which the refusal of his application would involve.

Track Built on Nerve.

The inside story of the formation of the New Orleans Jockey Club and the intrusion into New Orleans of a rival to the Crescent City Jockey Club has never been printed. It is as fine a sample of daring company promoting as is to be found in the annals of race track syndicates, and when one looks at the splendid modern racing plant at City Park he is forced to give Brown credit for considerable foresight, as well as a splendid audacity, which, if combined with certain advantages, would have made him a captain of finance. With no resources beyond a vivid imagination and the many difficulties which countered it at every turn.

Some of these troubles are with the club yet, as only recently some of the members of the city council of New Orleans to impose a license fee of 25 cents on the club, and the council has their ability to do this would, of course, have been contested, but the effort is significant of the lengths to which some of the politicians will go in their endeavor to levy blackmail on the race club.

Combination's Big Winnings.

To win \$9,000 in thirteen days of racing at a winter track when the highest stake won had \$1,500 added, shows that the racing firm of Burlew & O'Neill has been exceptionally busy. That amount is to their credit at the treasury of the Crescent City Jockey Club as winnings over the late meeting. A. C. McCafferty gave \$2,000 for Glamor to August Belmont and has won \$2,500 with the filly, coming next on the list to the firm of which his son-in-law, Frank O'Neill, the ex-jockey, is a member. P. M. Civill, the well-known horseman, came third with \$1,875, and in the following order are owners who have won \$1,000 or more: Fred Kohn, \$1,875; Mrs. Capo, \$1,635; C. E. Rowe, \$1,500; T. D. Sullivan, \$1,250; S. W. Street, \$1,250; and J. Marklein, \$1,000.

Gossip of Jockeys.

J. Hennessey has ridden fourteen winners, three more than Garner, who has been in front eleven times. Nicol comes third with ten wins, Mountain fourth with eight, and A. Martin and Aubuchon follow with seven and six, respectively. Some of the other jockeys rode more than two winners at the late meeting. Hennessey managed to get his mount Sid Tiddington put back from the Derby line and, in consequence, Saturday, by apparently an outbreak of temper. When Toboggan passed him he struck that horse with his whip a couple of times. When questioned by the stewards, Hennessey protested that he acted in self-defense, as Toboggan was crowding him on the rail.

Garner is riding in good form, and the contest for the lead between these two lightweight jockeys will, it is likely to be a keen one. Both, of course, have a great advantage over Nicol in weight, at which they can go to scale.

Mountain, who is a man in years in experience, gets a lot of riding and has done it well. He is a particularly strong finisher, as well as being quick at the post.

Little Martin's services are greatly in request among horsemen and next to the two Eastern jockeys at the head of the list is most favored by owners.

Few Free Badges.

The drastic measures adopted by both clubs in pruning the free badge list to the smallest possible proportions has given rise to a good deal of dissatisfaction. A trainer, unless he is actively participating in the meeting, that is, unless he intends racing two of his horses during the two weeks of each meeting, no matter if he has a two lightweight jockey, is preparing to race, is debarred from the privileges of the track. The same thing applies to licensed jockeys, who must have mounts during the meeting. This has been resented keenly by many who expect themselves in no measured terms about this cheese paring policy. In every other way the free admissions have been curtailed to the smallest possible proportions.

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